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From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, Dec. 17.

Hague, Dec. 17.

THE ſhutting up of the Galleons at Porto Bello by the Engliſh, manifeſtly affects the Commerce of this State, eſpecially at Amſterdam.

We ſuppoſe the only way of anſwering the Report ſent to the Imperial Court, of Count Coningſeck's Conferences with the Depoties of the States, will be by the March of 10000 Men to the Auſtrian Netherlands; and that this would be ſoon followed with ſtoppage of Payment of the Subſidies and Intereſt; but in this Caſe, it is believed their High Mightineſſes would recur to Military Execution in the open Country round the Barrier Towns, whoſe Chattelanies are ſufficient to make up that Deficiency, eſpecially if the Country of Namur be included. We cannot well conceive how the Imperial Court will be able to execute the Deſign of maintaining a numerous Army in a Country ſhut up, and ſurrounded almoſt on all Sides by the Allies of Hanover, and when this Republick has the keeping of the principal Fortreſſes. Mean Time, it is to be feared, the Government of the Auſtrian Netherlands will not ſuffer the Recruits to paſs, which our Officers are raiſing here for our Towns of the Barrier; if ſo, France offers any Number of Troops the State may ſtand in Need of, but their Mightineſſes will make uſe of none, without an abſolute Neceſſity. The Government of the Auſtrian Netherlands have followed the Example of this State, in ordering all their Governours, Commanders and other Officers, to repair forthwith to their reſpective Poſts.

The Oſtend Company have received freſh Aſſurances, that his Imperial Majeſty will protect them againſt all thoſe who dare interrupt their Commerce; but for all this their Stock cannot be brought to any fitted Price, ſince the three Powers in Alliance againſt it, take ſuch Meaſures to deſtroy it, and ſince a Rupture in Europe ſeems to be unavoidable.

Paris, Dec. 18. The raiſing Recruits goes on in this Kingdom with good Succeſs. Letters from Cadix ſpeak not a Word touching the Galleons from New Spain; but mention that the Men of War lately purchaſed of the Genoeſe, was making fit for Service with all Speed. They add farther, that two Men of War which were damaged in a Storm not far from St. Andero, would in a few Days ſet Sail to the Weſt Indies.

Worceſter, Decem. 9. All the Diſcourſe here runs at preſent upon two Women that were lately married as Man and Wife in Shropſhire; and being this Week diſcovered here, were committed one to Jail, and the other to the Houſe of Correction, in order to a further Examination at Guildhall on Monday next before the Bench of the City Magiſtrates.

London, Decem. 16. Next Week the Opera's are to be revived at the Hay Market, for the Entertainment of his Majeſty.

The Colonels Newton, Diſney and Anſtruther, ſet out next Monday for Portſmouth, to embark next Week for Gibraltar and Portmahon.

M. Seneſino, the famous Italian Singer, landed laſt Thurſday at Dover, and was expected here laſt Night.

From the Evening Poſt, Dec. 17.

Paris, Dec. 22. Ten Men are to be added to each Brigade of Horſe Guards. Mr. Pontain, a famous Dealer in Horſes, has undertaken to furniſh 3600 Horſes for remounting the Dragoons. Notwithſtanding the great Military Preparations making all over Europe, 'tis thought no Rupture will enſue, but that every one of the Powers concerned in the preſent Affairs, will recede from ſome of their Pretenſions, and all will be made up by a Congreſs.

Portſmouth, Dec. 8. An Order came to Dock laſt Week, to fit out the Monmouth, Bedford, Prince Frederick and Yarmouth, for Channel Service. The Berwick went out to Spitehead Yeſterday, and will be ſoon followed by the Lenox and Kent.

London, Dec. 17. A ſtrong Squadron of Men of War are fitting out with the utmoſt Expedition

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at Portſmouth and other Places, and will be commanded by Sir Charles Wager, Sir Charles goes for Portſmouth next Week, and will hoiſt his Flag on board the Kent, Captain Hardy Commander.

From the Daily Journal, Dec. 17.

London, Dec. 17. By a Letter from Jamaica, one of the Spaniſh Galleons endeavouring to make her Eſcape out of Portobello in the Night, luckily fell a-thwart our Admiral's Cable, by which Means ſhe was fruſtrated, and thought fit to come to an Anchor under our Admiral's Stern. But ſome Letters of a freſher Date make no Mention of this Affair.

Barcelona, Nov. 30. Several Thouſands of Tools for breaking the Ground, having been ſhipp'd off in this Port for Malaga; and 'tis ſaid, that a greater Number will be ſent thither from Arragon; and that an Army is to be drawn together in the Neighbourhood of Gibraltar, to conſiſt of about 25,000 Men, that moſt of the Troops are on their March thither, and among them ſeveral Iriſh Regiments, and 50 Pieces of Cannon, are to be ſent thither by Sea.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, Dec. 17.

Stockholm, Dec. 1. We diſcover more and more the Reaſons for which Count Welling has been arreſted: And 'tis aſſured this Senator had formed very great and dangerous Deſigns, and among others, a Project not only to mortgage or ſell to a certain Potentate, the Tolls of the Swediſh Pomerania, but even Part of that Province, and this with a view to engage that Prince powerfully to ſupport the Intereſt of the Duke of Holſtein, and to eſtabliſh him upon the Throne of Sweden: And that the latter, better to conceal that Deſign, and to gain the King's Confidence, the ſaid Count had communicated to his Majeſty, a Project to make him an abſolute Sovereign in Sweden, and to Name afterwards the Duke of Holſtein for his Succeſſor; but this Project has produced a quite contrary Effect, ſince it has raiſed a Miſtruſt in the King; who, ſeeing that the ſaid Counts chief Aim, was to make his Government ſuſpected by the Senate has communicated that Project to the States, with Orders narrowly to examine into that Affair. The Proceedings againſt this State Priſoner are carried on with the greateſt Vigour, notwithſtanding he ſtudies by his Anſwers, to prolong this Affair, in order to gain Time. The Propoſal for granting to the Calviniſts and Roman Catholicks, the free Exerciſe of their Religion in this Kingdom, has been laid before the Diet. A Regiment of Foot of Finland, is to be tranſported to Straelſound, to reinforce the Gariſon of that Place, which will next Spring conſiſt of 8000 Men.

Paris, Dec. 22. The King has taken down in his Pocket Book, the Names of the chief Military Officers, and their Employs in caſe of a War; and 'tis ſaid Marſhal Berwick is to be General of the Army in Flanders, and M. de Noailles in Roſſilion; and 'tis talked a Promotion will be made of four Marſhals of France, viz. Duke de Villeroy, the Prince of Tingris, Duke de Noailles, and the Marquis de Crigny.

Mean Time, notwithſtanding the great Preparations all over Europe, 'tis generally believed here, that there will be no open Rupture, and that the Differences among the ſeveral Powers will be terminated by a Congreſs.

From the Weekly Journal, Dec. 17.

From Stockholm we learn, That the Miniſter of Ruſſia, who for ſome Reaſons, omitted to notify his Arrival, is nevertheſs very buſy in his Viſits to the Senators and Members of the Diet.

London, Dec. 17. Mary Toft the Rabbit Woman, is ordered to be proſecuted upon a Statute of Edward III. as a vile Cheat and Impoſtor. The learned Gentlemen who find themſelves miſtaken, at leaſt in their Judgment of that Affair, are healing their Reputations as well as they can by writing of Pamphlets.

We hear a certain Perſon of Note, has lately appeared to have gone diſtracted.

Sage Mr. MIST,

THere are two Misbehaviours in this Town which are practiſed every Day in the Week, to the great Offence of his Majeſty's peaceable Subjects, and yet I ſee no Animadverſions upon them in the publick Prints, tho' the firſt more immediately relates to them; which is, when a Fellow, with a moſt inſipid Inſolence, gathers together all the Papers of a Coffee Houſe, and laying 'em one upon another, ſhall ſpare none for the reſt of the Company, who muſt ſtare at his Arrogance, or amuſe themſelves with paring their Nails, till he is graciouſly pleas'd to let go his Hold. I ſuſpect ſuch a one to have too little Wit to take a Jeſt, or elſe I ſhould put him in Mind of the *Iriſhman* in the Farce of the Stage Coach; who deſir'd the Gentleman who

who had two Beds in his Room to let him have one, provided he did not lye in them both himself. I have likewise seen a Paper transferred from one to another of a whole Knot of Acquaintance, whilst a Stranger, who has waited much longer, must still endeavour to keep his Temper, till every one of these Blockheads have spelt it over.

I am apt to think, tho' you shou'd not show all your Learning upon this Point, nor read 'em a Lecture upon the mutual Regard Members of civil Society ought to have for each other, yet those who are guilty of such ill Manners out of Ignorance, will reform only upon this Notice given 'em to reflect, that they may not always meet with so gentle a Monitor; but may chance to have one Affront repaid with another. For what is more provoking than such an impertinent Respect for themselves, and such a partial Contempt of others.

My other Complaint is against those who wear Canes in a Place more proper for Shoulder Knots, to the Terror of all they meet, or else stuck under the Arm, which is still more detrimental to our Cloaths, as well as dangerous to our Eyes, perhaps to snatch it from thence, and lay it across their Heads, might make it of more Services; but this I submit to your Direction,

And am your Friend,

Jerry Circumspect.

We have considered the above Complaints; as to the first we think fit to order, that all Coffehouses which suffer a Monopoly in News Papers, shall take in a greater Number of each Paper sufficient to serve their Customers. We also require all Persons who do not carry their Canes in their Hands, to hang them on their Buttons, or about their Necks, that they may be out of Peoples Way; and all such Canes as shall offend, by being planted like Pikes under the Arm, are to be taken into Custody, and delivered to us by virtue of the Authority which we have invested our self with.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Decem. 20.

Since our last arrived 2 Holland and 2 Flanders Mails.

THE Letters from Warsaw make no Mention of any Redress to be yet given to the Protestants, but on the other Hand they tell us, That the Council of Senators which was held at Grodno before the Departure of his Polish Majesty, came to the following Resolution, viz. That if his Prussian Majesty delays to redress the Grievances of the Poles, the King shall conveen an extraordinary Dyet, and dispatch Circular Letters for summoning the Arrier Ban, in order to obtain the Satisfaction demanded: This is an odd Way of proceeding, considering the little Regard the Polanders have shown to the many Remonstrances made by the King of Prussia and other Potentates, particularly in Relation to the Affair of Thorn.

Mean Time 'tis believed that the Emperor will not meet with that Success he expected in his Negotiations with the King of Prussia, in Relation to the Treaty that has been some Time ago spoke of; the latter as we are informed, lately wrote to the King of Great Britain, in such Terms as gives no small Umbrage to the Imperial Court, who on the other Hand has received repeated Advices from Hungary, that 9 or 10,000 Men, excited by the Adherents of Prince Ragotski, are preparing to make Incursions into Transilvania and Upper Hungary; and who by this Time must be fully informed of the Dispositions of his Most Christian Majesty, firmly to adhere to the Engagements he had entered into by the Hanover Treaty, also with the Resolutions taken by their High Mightinesses: All which one would think, should influence the Emperor and King of Spain to Proposals of Peace, especially considering the great Distress they are under for want of Money by the Detension of the Galleons; but instead thereof, they continue to make the utmost Preparations for a War: The former is augmenting his Army with 46 Battallions and 30 Squadrons, and the latter is raising Recruits throughout his Dominions with the greatest Diligence, and has actually drawn together a considerable Army near Gibralter, and it is reported designs to undertake an Expedition in favours of the Pretender.

As to the Report of the Head of the Equestrian Statue of his present Majesty King George, erected in Grosvenor Square, being separated from the Body, is entirely false and Groundless.

Yesterday Sir Charles Wager dined with Governour Harrison at the Post-Office, and Tomorrow Morning will set out for Portsmouth, to take upon him the Command of the Squadron, which is to join that under Admiral Hopson at Gibralter, and it is said will set Sail by Monday next, with 3 Regiments for the abovementioned Fortress, which is thought the Spaniards design to besiege in good earnest

neſt. But it is a Jeſt to ſuppoſe they can be able to take it.

'Tis ſaid Sir Charles Wager will return from the Streights early in the Spring, to take on him the Command of the Fleet for the Baltick.

Hugh Dalrymple, Eſq; 2d Son to the Lord Preſident of the Seſſion, ſucceeds the Lord Arniſton deceaſed as Lord of the Seſſion: Who, 'tis ſaid, have found Mris. Macleod guilty of forging a Bill of 60 Pound; tho' to free herſelf ſhe endeavoured to lay the Guilt on a Merchant in Edinburgh, and got one Gibſon a Wright to ſwear, that he ſaw the ſaid Merchant ſign a Declaration abiding by it: But the Merchant is acquitted, *&c.*

P. S. Sir Charles Wager ſet out this Day for Portſmouth, and carries with him two Regiments from Ireland, and 3 beſides, for Giberaltar.

We hear the Weavers are again up in conſiderable Numbers.

On the 8th Inſtant the late Duke of Ormond had a private Audience of his Catholick Majeſty.

From the Evening Poſt, Decem. 20.

Paris, Decem. 14. The Well-wiſhers of Spain do give out, that the Spaniards are building a Fort oppoſite to Giberaltar; and that the King of Spain has ſent Orders to Porto Bello, to remove to Panama the Money of the Galleons, and bring home the ſame by the Strhights of Magellan: To which they add, that Admiral Caſtagnetta is gone to the South Sea with a Squadron. The Diſtance between Porto Bello and Panama exceeds not 35 Leagues.

Bologna, Nov. 27. The Chevalier de St. George continues here in perfect Health with his two Sons. 'Tis ſaid he will ſhortly take a Tour thro' Italy, to ſee the principal Cities; but whether he will take his Sons with him is not ſaid.

Bruſſels, Decem. 19. The Imperial Troops in this Country, which conſiſt of 46 Regiments of Foot, 20 of Horſe, and 12 of Dragoons, will be augmented with 46 Battallions and 32 Squadrons.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Decem. 20.

Madrid, Decem. 9. Every Thing ſeems to tend to a ſudden Rupture with England and the Allies of Hanoven; and the warlike Preparations continue to be made with all Diligence, particularly in the Neighbourhood of Giberaltar. Their firſt Plan was, to raiſe Forts and Batteries on the Spaniſh Side of the Bay of Giberaltar, in order to render that Place and the Bay uſeleſs to the Engliſh; but now they ſeem to have changed their Deſign, and intend to attack the Place it ſelf. The Troops already appointed for that Purpoſe, conſiſt of 30 Battallions and 16 Squadrons. The March of theſe Troops is preſſed with the utmoſt Diligence; the Tents, Ammunition, are already ſent to the Place, and 5000 Piſtoles have been paid to the Undertakers, to provide Mules for drawing the Artillery; they hope their Army will be aſſembled by the 15th Inſtant, and that every Thing will be ready to put their Deſigns in Execution by the Middle of next Month. They flatter themſelves to be able to take Giberaltar in ſo ſhort a Time, that they may ſend back their Troops to the Frontiers of France, before the French can be able to take the Field.

Edinburgh, Decem. 26. The Rt. Honourable the Lord Preſident of the Seſſion is arrived in Town from London; as is Mr. Hugh Dalrymple, Eſq; his Lordſhip's Son, who ſucceeds the Lord Arniſton as an Ordinary Lord of Seſſion.

Saturday laſt a Fire broke out at a Houſe without the Weſt Port, occaſioned by the Careleſneſs of a Woman who had got drunk, and who periſhed in the Flames.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

†*† That the annual General Meeting of the FRIENDLY CONTRIBUTERS of Edinburgh, is to be held on Monday the Ninth of January next, at 3 a clock after Noon, in Mary's Chapel; where all concerned are deſired to be preſent.

Fiſhery Office, Decem. 13. 1726.

The MANAGERS of the Fiſhing-Copartnery give Notice, That they are to expoſe to Sale by publick Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market of Edinburgh, upon the 31ſt Day of January next, at 3 after Noon, the Copartnery's LANDS of Peterhead, and ſome FEUS and FISH-BOATS in Stonehaven. The Rental and Conditions of Sale to be ſeen at the Copartnery's Office.

¶ That the Lands of HOUSDALE, comprehending the Towns and Lands of Knockwhairn, Houſdale, Wackendale, Broomhills, Old and New Weſter Echts, Culſorſy Tilquhody, Dunbreck, Tillieboy, Kirktoun of Echt, Monechr, Meikle Findorſy, Mill and Crofts thereof, Hillſide, and New-Mill of Echt: with a new well finiſhed Manor-Houſe, very good Gardens, and very large and regular Incloſures, wherein is already planted about 12000 Firs, many of them come to a conſiderable Growth; and many Thouſands of Birks, Allers, Harles, Plains, Elms, and other barren Planting; all thriving and exceedingly well: Lying within the Pariſh of Echt, Shire of Aberdeen, and within 8 Miles of that City: Paying of yearly Rent, 143 l. 7 ſh. 8 d. 345 Bolls of Meal, 72 Bolls Bear and Malt, 414 Hens, 332 Capons not rentalled: Whereof about 1600 Merks of yearly Rent holds Blanche of the Duke of Gordon, for Payment of a Peny Scots Money, (if requir'd) and the Remainder holds Taxtward of the Crown: ARE to be expoſed to Sale by way of voluntar Roup in the Laigh Tolbooth of Aberdeen, upon the Fifth Day of January 1727, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 3 after Noon. The Progreſs and Rental are in the Hands of Mr. Alexander Thomſon Town-Clerk of Aberdeen, where they may be ſeen by any who has a mind to purchaſe.